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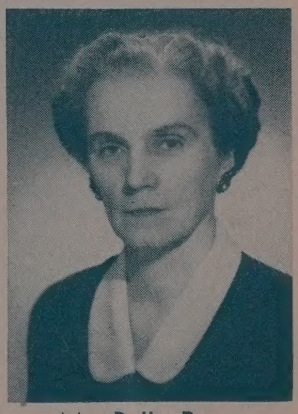
Membership Proclamation

Knock on Every Door



Mrs. Rollin Brown

WE'RE PROUD TO TELL IT. And millions of us share this pride. Ours is an organization that knocks on every door. We don't skip a single house on the block. We never have—not back in 1897 when we were only a handful, not now in 1957 when the National Congress of Parents and Teachers has millions of members.

Why talk about door-knocking now? Because next month is Membership Enrollment Month, when parent-teacher members go out to invite neighbors to join the P.T.A. Of course new members are welcome to enroll in any month, at any time. But in October we hold forth a special welcome. We make a special canvass of the homes around us. We come knocking at every door.

The person who answers may be a mother, a father, a grandparent—or he may have no children at all. In the parent-teacher association he's welcome all the same. The person who greets us may be a teacher or a farmer or a factory worker. He's welcome. He may worship in a church, a synagogue, or a mosque. We extend our invitation. He may speak the King's English with flawless fluency, or he may respond with any one of dozens of accents.

All we ask is that he care about children and the world they live in. His caring is what we need, what keeps the P.T.A. going and growing.

Back in 1897 there were only a few to do the door-knocking. This coming October there will be many millions. How many cordial greetings they can offer. What a prospect for a bright October! What a bright prospect for the year's Action Program, "The Family and the Community: Each Shapes the Other—The P.T.A. Serves Both . . . for Mature Citizens in a Mature America."

To give substance to this prospect, I, Ethel G. Brown, president of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, do hereby designate the month of October 1957 as Membership Enrollment Month, and urge every parent-teacher member to set out in his neighborhood, invitations in hand, knocking and offering a welcome at every door.

Ethel G. Brown

OUR OBJECTS

- To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, church, and community.
- To raise the standards of home life.
- To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.
- To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the training of the child.
- To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for every child the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education.

COUNCILS *in Action*

OMAHA COUNCIL, NEBRASKA

● "Protecting Children Against Sex Offenders" is the title of a six-column article in the April 1957 issue of *Ladies' Home Journal*, an article that cites the painstaking efforts of the Omaha Council's juvenile protection committee, chairmaned by Mrs. E. C. Torgerson.

> We read of the council's unsuccessful efforts to get state legislation making psychiatric examination compulsory for anyone held on a sex charge. And of frantic parents who saw offenders' cases being dropped or delayed. When they sought P.T.A. help, Mrs. Harry F. Schneiderwind, then council president, asked Mrs. Torgerson and her committee to go to work.

With the dynamic leadership of Mrs. Torgerson, they studied and discussed laws, court procedures, and results of a juvenile court survey. Taking along twelve volunteer typists, they spent long hours following through and copying court cases from police crime files. They watched new cases, and they learned of the manpower shortage in the city prosecutor's office. They talked to the governor of the state.

> Finally they turned over their bulging files and their detailed recommendations for improving law enforcement in sex cases to the *Omaha World-Herald*. Two days of headlines, full-page stories, and editorials put the rolling ball into full motion.

Large contributions were made for juvenile protection committee expenses. Twenty men were added to the police force for patrolling school areas. One officer was appointed to handle all sex molestation cases and to give special cooperation to the P.T.A. Two half-time assistant prosecutors were appointed to the city legal department. The bar association asked for private hearings of all sex cases involving children, to be held in the city hall rather than the police court. Through the interest of the Omaha Council of Churches, a committee of twenty leading Omahans was set up to recruit good candidates for municipal and district court offices. Omaha voters put the entire slate into office.

Much has been accomplished, but Mrs. Torgerson, her committee, and P.T.A. members intend to keep right on trying to get more and more protection for children. They'll continue to work for the state legislation and the day when judges' sentences won't have to be limited to the use of fines or jails.

WICHITA COUNCIL, KANSAS

● Wichita newspapers covered the school story rather thoroughly this past year, from front-page items to editorials. Many of these same newspaper articles referred to local P.T.A.'s as well, bearing witness to the fact that the Wichita Council, representing seventeen high school and intermediate school associations, has been energetic in its attention to school matters.

> Wichita parents were faced with teachers' requests for an improved salary structure. And getting good teachers and keeping them, they heard, were getting more and more difficult, because of competitive weaknesses in the Wichita system. Hence the council, headed by its president, Mrs. Carter Goodpasture, asked for community action—and got it.

A vigorous campaign to awaken residents to the serious nature of the school situation gathered motion with a petition that asked for improvement in the teachers' salary scale. More than twenty thousand signatures, presented to the board of education at an open meeting, had a final result in an across-the-board raise for Wichita teachers.

Although this was a milestone, it was not the goal. Salaries needed even more upgrading. The textbook situation, both in the city and in the state, was in need of revision. So the council's studies and surveys have continued, and recommendations have been made. Soon, P.T.A. members hope, the Wichita school system will be in a position to set up newer and more aggressive policies that will meet the needs of Wichita's growing child population.

LOUISVILLE COUNCIL, KENTUCKY

● The P.T.A. story was relayed to Kentucky citizens over two radio stations this past year. The Louisville Council signed on with a regular monthly program from station WHAS and also aired five other broadcasts over station WGRC.

Genuine public interest was displayed in programs on student loans, libraries, parent education, health, civil defense, membership, character and spiritual education, exceptional child, Founders Day, and juvenile protection. These particular phases of P.T.A. work were chosen by Mrs. J. D. Pate, council president, who was given responsibility for the selection.

● To make sure of press notices for publications, Mrs. Clyde H. Webb, former West Virginia publications chairman, suggests that background for group pictures be enhanced with photogenic publications displays. This effective illustration of her theory was snapped at a meeting of the West Virginia Congress board of managers. Officers shown here with their guest are (from left) Mrs. John H. Brown, president; Mrs. Fred L. Perry, second vice-president; Mrs. Harry Zinn, secretary; Mrs. Ellen Dell Bieler, National Congress field staff member; Mrs. Delmas Miller, first vice-president; Mrs. R. E. Pelfrey, treasurer; Earl J. Henderson, third vice-president; and E. C. Leonhart, honorary vice-president and past state president.

1958 CONVENTION

● The 1958 convention of the National Congress will be held in Omaha, Nebraska, on May 18, 19, 20, 21.

• Members of the national chairmen's conference meet during the national convention. Clockwise they are: Dr. Henry F. Helmholz, Health; Mrs. W. C. Storey, Preschool Service; Mrs. A. O. Haislip, Character and Spiritual Education; Dorothea Lensch, Recreation; Mrs. Albert Solomon, Citizenship; Mrs. Durand Taylor, International Relations; Mrs. C. F. Schmidt, Exceptional Child; Mrs. John E. Hayes, Programs and Founders Day; Mrs. Louise S. Walker, Audio-Visual Services; Mrs. Jack C. Greig, Membership; Mrs. Leon S. Price, Publicity; Mrs. Aaron E. Margulis, Reading and Library Service; Mrs. C. Wheeler Detjen, High School Service; Mrs. E. L. Church, Juvenile Protection; Mrs. James P. Ryan, Congress Publications; Mrs. Joel L. Burkitt, National Parent-Teacher Magazine; Dr. John S. Carroll, Rural Service.

CONVENTION THEMES— Spring 1957

MANY STATE CONGRESSES held conventions this past spring, with varying themes. A long look at the many themes that were published in state bulletins, however, reveals that the variation is largely in emphasis, and that nearly all are identified with the National Congress Action Program, "The Family and the Community: Each Shapes the Other—The P.T.A. Serves Both."

ALABAMA—*Mature Citizens—Our Objective*

ARIZONA—*Cooperation Through Unbroken Lines of Communication*

ARKANSAS—*Children—Today's Investment, Tomorrow's Dividend*

CALIFORNIA—*Circles of Cooperation Build Character and Spiritual Values*

COLORADO—*A Golden Chain Joining Yesterday and Tomorrow* (Golden Jubilee)

CONNECTICUT—*An Awakened P.T.A. Builds for the Future*

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—*Educating Our Children Today for Leadership Tomorrow*

GEORGIA—*Our Children: Today's Assets—Tomorrow's Dividends*

IDAHO—*Idaho Stresses the Child*

ILLINOIS—*Forward with Our Objectives*

INDIANA—*Progress Through Participation*

KANSAS—*P.T.A.—The Bridge Between School and Community*

KENTUCKY—*Building for Every Tomorrow*

LOUISIANA—*Spotlighting the Home*

MAINE—*Planning + Thinking + Acting = Success*

MICHIGAN—*The P.T.A. and the School in the Growing Community*

MISSISSIPPI—*Changeless Concepts for a Changing Society*

NEBRASKA—*Today Is Ours—Learn, Believe, Act*

NEVADA—*An Investment in Community Service*

NEW MEXICO—*Leadership—One Challenge of a Changing World*

NORTH CAROLINA—*For the Future—We Build*

OREGON—*Three Hearts of a Child's World* (The Home—The Loving Heart; The Community—The Sharing Heart; and The School—The Understanding Heart)

PENNSYLVANIA—*Unfinished Business—The Child and His Future*

RHODE ISLAND—*The P.T.A.—A Strength in the Community Through Working with Youth*

SOUTH CAROLINA—*We Build for a Better Tomorrow*

SOUTH DAKOTA—*Parents and Teachers—Together—Serve the Child*

TENNESSEE—*Today's Children, Our Concern*

UTAH—*Circles of Cooperation*

WASHINGTON—*The Family and the Community—the P.T.A. Serves Both*

WISCONSIN—*P.T.A. Action Through Circles of Cooperation*

WYOMING—*Healthy Children in Healthy Communities*

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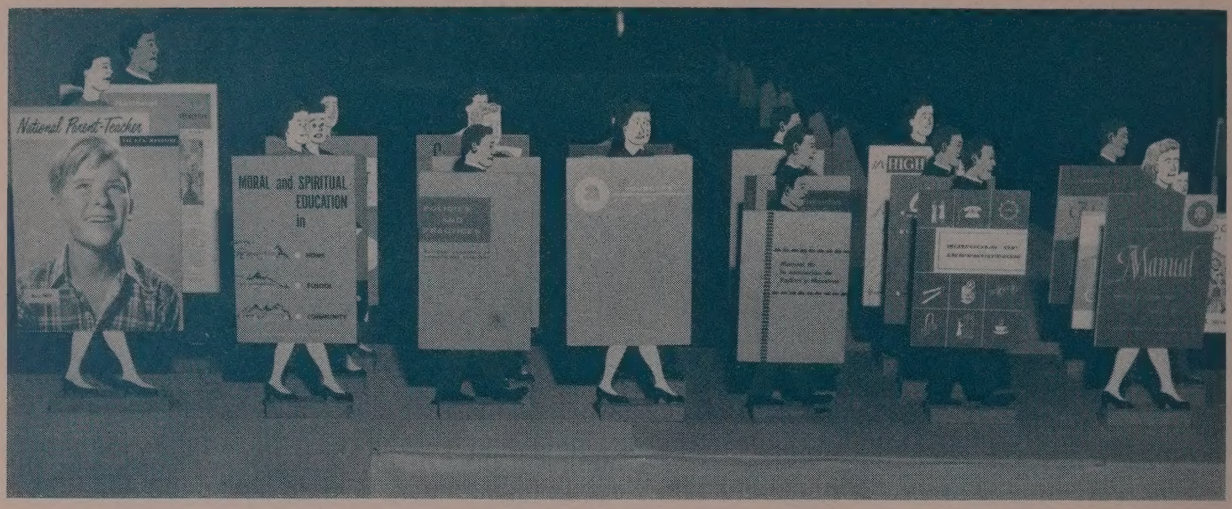


The Parade of Congress Publications

NATIONAL CONVENTION EXHIBITS Rich in Ideas

EXHIBITS at the national convention in Cincinnati were a supermarket of fresh, sparkling ideas on parent-teacher activities. Between sessions of the convention, hundreds of parent-teacher members "shopped" the spacious, air-conditioned exhibit hall and filled their intellectual baskets with ideas and information offered by 31 state congresses, 17 national chairmen, the National Congress, and 7 other national organizations concerned with children's welfare. Some visitors made sketches of the striking displays for future reference and took notes on unusual projects. Most of them left the hall with sample copies of the *National Parent-Teacher* magazine, membership promotion leaflets, and other materials (free or inexpensive).

ARISE AND SHINE

★ From A for Alabama to W for Wisconsin, the exhibits were varied and ingenious. At the ALABAMA exhibit, visitors were halted by an arresting poster bidding parent-teacher members "Arise and shine early in the morning for *National Parent-Teacher* Magazine Day, August 6." In addition to picturing its *National Parent-Teacher* promotion activities, Alabama illustrated "Twelve Vital Steps in a P.T.A. Membership Campaign" with a poster of twelve action pictures. Council activities were represented with gay and colorful materials from the Mobile Council's "educational cruise" (annual banquet) for school principals and P.T.A. presidents.

ON-GOING PROGRAMS

★ Program planning was featured by several congresses and was part of almost every state's display. Beneath the caption "Progressive Planning Needs Action, Cooperation, and Unity," the PENNSYLVANIA Congress had rigged a tree that turned continuously to show "on-going programs." On it hung sample programs from councils and elementary, high school, and joint (grades 1–12) P.T.A.'s. The criteria for Pennsylvania's annual program achievement project won close attention from visitors. Into many notebooks went the following set of standards: (1) format and general make-up; (2) content (the program built around a year's theme); and (3) presentation (at least four different methods of presentation, and at least three programs providing for audience participation).

POPULATED WITH DINOSAURS

★ UTAH focused attention on its program and publication aids with an eye-catching antediluvian landscape, populated with dinosaurs, and the challenging question, "Is Your Organization Prehistoric?"

MAPS, PAMPHLETS, PHOTOS

★ Several states emphasized publications. Under the caption "Wisdom from New Jersey," the NEW JERSEY Congress showed pamphlets on money matters, the exceptional child, recreation and cultural facilities, legislation, and home and family life. A king-size, framed map of NEW YORK was surrounded by a display of colorful issues of the *New York Parent-Teacher* and other publications. ILLINOIS featured its study courses on publicity and children's reading and its training courses for elementary and high school P.T.A. leaders. VIRGINIA brought its bulletin to life with mounted-photograph miniatures of chairmen who had contributed articles.

BEAR THIS IN MIND

★ WISCONSIN highlighted parent and family life education materials below a poster of a happy bear family, telling the world: "*Bear* this in mind: Happy families don't just happen."

CAPTIVATING BABIES

★ A delightful poster in the INDIANA display answered the question: What do we get for state and national portions of membership dues? The questions came from two skeptical looking infants and were answered gleefully by a knowledgeable baby, who listed services of the National Congress and the Indiana Congress and then referred the questioners to national and state publications for further information. The captivating babies caused many a chuckle among visitors.

FLIP CHART

★ GEORGIA's "flip chart," a graphic presentation of the structure, organization, and functions of the National Congress, the state congress, and the local unit in twelve charts, won general admiration. "What a teaching aid for leadership training!" was a remark frequently heard.

GROWTH CHARTS

★ OHIO, the hostess state for the convention, played up its successful membership enrollment (second highest in the nation) and featured a poster welcoming the National Congress. Membership was emphasized also by SOUTH DAKOTA in a gay garden display, showing "how we grow." KENTUCKY postered a turquoise blue membership map, and a RHODE ISLAND map pinpointed units and councils in the state.

TRAVELING DISPLAYS

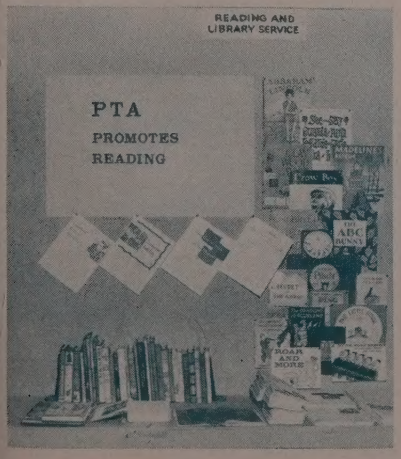
★ FLORIDA and TEXAS showed excellent traveling display cases containing exhibits of programs, projects, and publications, to be used at council, district, and state meetings and at meetings of other organizations.

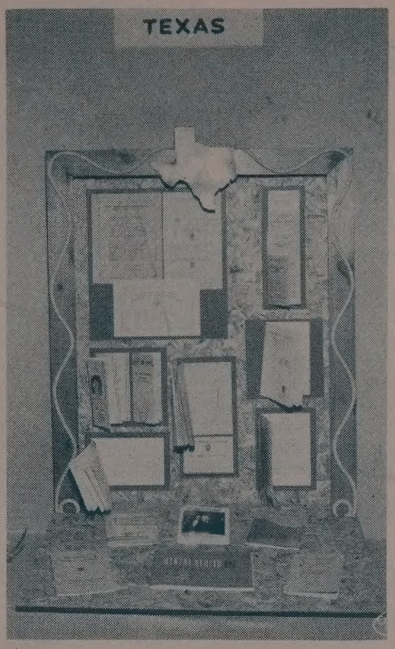
TOPSY TAXES PROGRESS PROGRAM

★ Several congresses described their roles in the educational progress of their states. WASHINGTON's clever exhibit on school finance was dominated by a wooden figure of Topsy, illustrating the haphazard growth of the state tax structure. ARKANSAS outlined the part it has played and is playing in the "Arkansas Program for Progress."

ACTION PROGRAM IN ACTION

★ Carrying out phases of the Action Program was the main theme of exhibits by CONNECTICUT, IDAHO, IOWA, MICHIGAN, OREGON, and WEST VIRGINIA. Idaho, for example, ran streamers from various sections of *Circles of Cooperation* to photographs of parent-teacher groups engaged in projects. West Virginia caught and held the eye with a revolving block that listed P.T.A. projects prominently on each of its four sides.





ACCENT ON ACTIVITIES

★ MISSOURI concentrated its showing on the teacher-education scholarship program and illustrated it with attractive photographs and biographical information about Missouri Congress scholarship winners. NEBRASKA put up an informative exhibit on its legislation program, showing legislation needs, the congress' role in stimulating interest, and the legislative action achieved. NORTH CAROLINA featured its 1957-58 theme, "For the Future—We Build," and COLORADO, the activities of its golden jubilee year, which included sponsorship of a televised preschool education program for parents.

TYPICAL TOPICS

★ From CALIFORNIA came a display of typical P.T.A. projects in the state. Covered were safety, Braille work for blind children, recruitment of teachers for migrant children, and preschool vision testing. Also exhibited were its helpful publications on such important matters as relationships with school administrators and P.T.A. teamwork.

SAYS IT WITH FLOWERS

★ TENNESSEE's exhibit failed to arrive because of a strike. Nothing daunted, Tennessee's resourceful representatives tracked down a sign painter and a florist and mounted an exhibit that won admiration for its ingenuity. "Tennessee's exhibit," the sign read, "is a casualty of the express strike, so the Tennessee Congress says it with flowers." And beneath the sign was a lovely arrangement of iris in sunshine yellow and deep blue, National Congress colors.

NATIONAL ON PARADE

★ Chairmen of national standing committees had lively exhibitions of committee activities and offered free materials helpful in carrying them out.

In addition, the National Congress had interesting displays on the National Headquarters, membership, parent-teacher activities, Congress publications, and the *National Parent-Teacher* magazine. An ingenious "Parade of Publications" (little wooden figures of men and women, each garbed in the plywood-backed cover of a publication) showed the number and variety of Congress productions. "Amazing," said a Cleveland newspaper reporter. "I had no idea the National Congress produced so many attractive pamphlets."

BIGGEST BARGAIN

★ "What can you buy for twelve and a half cents?" asked a caption above a meager little row of pennies. Beneath the pennies was the biggest bargain of the century—an issue of the *National Parent-Teacher*, its covers and its forty packed pages spread out over an area of 363 inches. Attractive new promotion posters for the magazine also were on display. "If reading's good for Johnny," said one, "then reading's good for Johnny's Mom and Dad. There's plenty of good reading in the *National Parent-Teacher*."

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS JOIN IN

★ Studies of adolescent boys and girls were the featured exhibits at the booths of the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts. Other national organizations that sent exhibits and representatives to man them were the American Library Association, the Camp Fire Girls, the National Association for Mental Health, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, and the U.S. Office of Education.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

Daily Topics, November 10–16

Sunday	—Education for Moral Values
Monday	—Education for Responsible Citizenship
Tuesday	—What Our Schools Should Achieve
Wednesday	—Ways To Provide Better Education
Thursday	—Our Community's Teachers (National Teachers Day)
Friday	—Our School-Community Relationships
Saturday	—Our Own Responsibility for Better Schools

Magazine Promotion News

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● These hard-working members of the Covedale P.T.A.'s Magazine committee had something to smile about, for Covedale ranked second among the units in the Cincinnati (Ohio) Council in number of NPT subscriptions. Pictured holding sample NPT copies are (from left) Mrs. John Schiff; Mrs. Ralph Piatt, Magazine chairman (note her apron); Mrs. Carl Reif; and Mrs. Carl Thompson.

Teachers' Treasury

● Future teachers in each of Illinois' districts who qualified for Golden Jubilee Scholarships are twice rewarded. When they get to college on the scholarships, they'll have a year's supply of reference materials in the *National Parent-Teacher* gifts they receive.

Christmas Is Coming

● Use red paper, put a Christmas tree sticker at the top, and stress the *National Parent-Teacher* while you're saying *Merry Christmas*, suggests Mrs. Gertrude Feiser, Magazine chairman of Mills P.T.A. in Elmwood Park, Illinois. The unit's last year's "card" produced some fine results:

> Dear Parent:
>
> We invite you to know your P.T.A. better by subscribing to and reading the *National Parent-Teacher: The P.T.A. Magazine*. The articles in it are written by people who have specialized in the study of children. We think you'll find them most helpful.
>
> Please do consider our invitation. A year's subscription costs only $1.25.
>
> A Merry Christmas to you and your family.

Note: You couldn't miss, either, if you'd suggest that the recipient of your note also might say *Merry Christmas* to his best friend with the topnotch type gift, *National Parent-Teacher*.

Nation-wide Hookup

● What's *YOUR* P.T.A. doing to promote the *National Parent-Teacher*? Let us know so that we can tell others of your achievements!

POINTERS FROM P.T.A.'s

Hats Off to Mrs. Strayer

● Two months to go! That's the time limit Mrs. W. C. Strayer, Magazine chairman of the Longfellow Elementary P.T.A. in Spokane (Washington), set for her plan to accelerate NPT operations. She and her nine committee members (selected from each primary room) equipped themselves with lists of all families in the school area and a plentiful supply of promotion materials and Magazines. And off they went, taking 140 subscriptions from 200 families to hang up a new record for Spokane P.T.A.'s.

Mrs. Strayer, it should be added, sought out her Magazine chairmanship as the best way of rendering a final service to the P.T.A. she was leaving for a high school unit.

English the Easy Way

● A chance to send a year's subscription for the *National Parent-Teacher* to the village school in his native Greece was an honor that came to Tommy Revelis in Tulsa, Oklahoma. When Lanier Elementary School P.T.A. members bestowed the Overseas Gift Subscription during Oklahoma's March for Magazines, the sixth-grader expressed delight that his brothers, sister, and friends would have better opportunities to improve their English vocabularies.

Hats Were Passed in Tacoma

● Tacoma, Washington, delegates at a district council conference dropped their contributions for library and hospital Magazine subscriptions into three stunning hats that made the rounds. NPT covers shaped the creations, which, no doubt, were of the ten-gallon variety. Anyone who put in $1.25 collected a subscription credit for his own P.T.A.

No "Noes"

● Add zest for a job and training for subscription-takers to organization know-how and you have success. Or so it proved for Mrs. Judith Daskovsky, Magazine chairman of the Lincolnwood P.T.A. in Illinois. Mrs. Daskovsky and her committee of 8 acted as supervisers for a group of 30 Magazine canvassers who walked from house to house, writing up a record number of subscriptions. Next time, Mrs. D. thinks, canvassers should get even more training in the art of being hard of hearing when it comes to "no" answers.

Alaska Launches NPT Promotion

● Four days after the Alaska Congress came into being, the publications chairman, Mrs. John H. Loomis, sent in her check for eighteen subscriptions to the Magazine. That's fast stepping, isn't it?

Surprising News!

There's surprising news of some misinterpretation of the National Congress noncommercial policy—that is, in its application to parent-teacher publications and *National Parent-Teacher*. But contrary to what you may have heard, IT IS NOT A VIOLATION OF THE NON-COMMERCIAL POLICY to release P.T.A. membership lists to the state, district, council, or local magazine and publications chairmen for the purposes of promoting and selling the official parent-teacher magazine, the *National Parent-Teacher*, and other state and national publications—either within or outside the organization.

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● District 24 members of the Illinois Congress staged a birthday party for the Magazine—complete with cake. Among NPT's well-wishers were these former officers (from left): Mrs. Lee V. Vernon, Magazine chairman (now a departmental vice-president); Mrs. LeRoy A. Springer, District 24 director; and Mrs. Ralph Merz, District 24 assistant Magazine chairman.

A Well-Balanced Menu

● The Grandview Elementary School P.T.A. (Salt Lake City, Utah) heartily recommends "Have-Your-Cake-and-Eat-It-Too" potluck suppers as a means of promoting NPT. In one evening Grandview upped its subscription count from 18 to 101 by providing members with good food, good fellowship, and a year's subscription to the Magazine—all for $1.25. Mrs. Robert G. Kelm, publications chairman, supervised the planning for the enjoyable and profitable evening.

The Case of the Watchful Eye

On the air and on the screen, on the press and the stage—
Wherever you go, the Whodunnit's the rage.
It's packed full of horrors that prickle and scare;
It tingles the spine and it bristles the hair.
Today our Whodunnit's a different kind.
The one that we offer will sharpen the mind.
Such problems arise with our Jacks and our Jills!
How can we cope with their various ills—
Ills of the stomach, behavior, or heart?
What's wrong with Alec that makes him act smart?
Why's little Susie so bashful and shy?
Jim won't eat vegetables—clamors for pie!
What about radio, movies, and comics?
Allowances threaten our home economics.
Whether we live in Wisconsin or Texas,
These are the questions that plague and perplex us.
To whom can we turn to learn What, How, and Why?
Well here's "The Case of the Watchful Eye."
Always on guard is an Argus-eyed sleuth,
Ready to give us the unabridged truth,
Hints from the experts, and sound information
From baby's new tooth to the state of the nation,
All between covers of one Magazine.
Read just one issue and see what we mean
When we say that for help on your problem's detection,
You need this Magazine's constant protection—
National Parent-Teacher, of course.

—*New Jersey Parent-Teacher*

Idea: Maybe a copy of this jingle, enclosed with your next invitations to subscribe to NPT, would give that needed boost to your Magazine promotions.

How To Begin with a Bang

● Gathering steam for another year of activity, the European Congress of American Parents and Teachers sent in a substantial order of 105 subscriptions to the *National Parent-Teacher* and 105 to the *National Congress Bulletin*, to be mailed to its complete APO list of local associations.

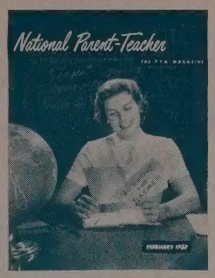
To the New Magazine Chairman

● Mrs. Evan L. Davis, Oklahoma Congress Magazine promotion chairman, selecting the July state bulletin for her kickoff message to local Magazine chairmen, first emphasized *opportunities* and then went on to outline *responsibilities*. Each chairman was asked to:

1. *Get the NPT promotion packet* that was sent from the National Office to the local unit president.

2. *Get* from the president the *Magazine materials and information* received from the state congress office.

3. *Secure renewals* before subscriptions expire, getting information from a list of subscribers sent by the state chairman.



Subscription in U.S.—$1.25 50c a copy

A GOOD PAIR

- **A Teacher's Guide to the P.T.A.**
- **National Parent-Teacher: The P.T.A. Magazine**

Your P.T.A. may want to give a copy of **A Teacher's Guide** and a subscription to the **National Parent-Teacher** to each young person in the community who is planning on teaching as a career. It couldn't put $1.75* to better use, and P.T.A. funds may be budgeted for so worthwhile a purpose. Why not suggest that YOUR P.T.A. put this PAIR on its PROJECT PROGRAM?

- **Make check or money order payable to the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.**
- **Send to 700 North Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois**

*In U.S. and possessions only.

4. *Start early.* Appoint a committee. Don't miss an opportunity to promote the *National Parent-Teacher*.

5. *Send questions and suggestions* to the state chairman.

NPT Gets Around

● The Stockton P.T.A. in Minnesota has enlisted the aid of the teachers in acquainting parents with the Magazine. The unit provides two subscriptions for each teacher, who sends copies home with the children. After parents finish reading an issue, they write their names on the front cover and return it to the school, so the teacher can help another family "discover" the Magazine.

Protect the Family

▶ "Is Your Home Fall Proof?" asks the National Safety Council in a recent brochure. As a way of testing, the Council suggests check lists like the following:

	Yes	No
1. Are small rugs anchored, worn carpet or linoleum repaired?	—	—
2. Is floor wax used sparingly and polished thoroughly to reduce slipping?	—	—
3. Do you check frequently to see that window screens, guards, storm sashes are in good repair and firmly fastened?	—	—
4. Do you have "a place for everything" so that supplies, cleaning equipment, toys, and the like can be put away?	—	—
5. Does everyone make a habit of putting things away when they've finished with them?	—	—
6. Are swings, slides, other play equipment in good repair?	—	—
7. Is play yard free of boards, nails, and broken glass in case youngsters do take a tumble?	—	—
8. Do you fill holes in yard and patch cracks and holes in walk at once?	—	—
9. Do you watch tots at play to prevent falls from porches, banisters, railings, et cetera?	—	—
10. Is there a safe hand hold or grab bar for bathtub or shower?	—	—
11. Do stairways have light switches at top and bottom?	—	—
12. Do ALL stairs have handrails?	—	—
13. Are bedroom lamps or light switches located so that no one has to move around in the dark?	—	—
14. Do you have night lights in children's rooms and in halls and bathrooms?	—	—
15. Is furniture placed so that it doesn't block normal walking areas?	—	—
16. Are outside entrances, walks, and steps well lighted?	—	—

Falls hurt — be alert!

THROUGH OUR Fieldglass

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Of Men and Maryland

It was at the gentlemen's request that Maryland Congress leaders—county council presidents, members of the state board, and other leaders with responsibility for training—met during the week end when professional or business duties are less demanding. As a result, Maryland's first workshop on group leadership reckoned a substantial number of men in participation.

Designs for Danger

Spring chapeaux modeled in a Whittier P.T.A. (Bozeman, Montana) safety program raised some understanding chuckles, and proved again that a serious lesson often is better learned when it's applied with a light touch.

Trimmings on the personally designed bonnets highlighted the dangers that can lie in small household objects: (1) sharp, pointed scissors; (2) staircases cluttered with such things as skates and toys; (3) frayed electric cords; and (4) bottles with poisonous contents. Other beguiling hats at the meeting were adorned with a bunched scatter rug; objects children put into their mouths, noses, and ears; and matches and firecrackers.

Promotion Plus Enterprise

Every meeting day is publication day for the Elkhart (Indiana) Council. Aiming at increased sales and service, the council, with Mrs. Lloyd Hartzler as publications chairman, highlights one particular pamphlet in each of its arrangements of assorted state and national publications. Such emphasis has spiraled into a publications project of most satisfactory dimensions.

Person-to-Person Welcome

New students at Florence High School (South Carolina) felt more at home when they read the friendly banner that greeted them at the school entrance. This salute, "The P.T.S.A. Welcomes All New Students," was only the first of many gestures designed to help the newcomer, who soon learned through a personal note the name of the "big brother" or "big sister" who wanted to help during those first puzzling weeks.

• Maryland Congress leaders meet in their first workshop on group leadership. The assisting national field staff member, Dema Kennedy, stands at the right.

A Child's Changing World

Concern for their children's ability to cope with a changing and complex world led Missoula, Montana, members of the Washington School P.T.A. to an evening of profitable discussion. Six groups, each with a discussion leader and recorder, were set up to center attention on topics related to the question of the evening, "How Can We Help Children To Live in This Changing World?"

1. **What can the home do to assist the school in its chief function of teaching?**
2. **How can the home and the school, specifically, instill the desire to live successfully in the school world of today and in the outside world of tomorrow?**
3. **How firm or strict do parents think teachers should be in the enforcement of classroom discipline?**
4. **How can respect for elders and persons in authority be motivated and developed?**
5. **Should parents be notified if their children fail to make satisfactory response to behavior suggestions? Do parents want to be notified?**
6. **Is it too much to expect that homes should assume the bulk of responsibility for wholesome habits and attitudes?**

Following the twenty-minute discussion periods and five-minute summaries, all parents met to share their deductions. One quite generally accepted conclusion was that the child who learns self-discipline and a healthy respect for authority might be the one who is best equipped to cope with life in a modern world.